

one would disagree with that. But there are a lot of clouded issues that began to develop yesterday. We had people talking about helmet laws; we've had people talking about legislating safety and morality; we had people talking about teachers, that it is going to fall on the burden of the teachers to enforce these things and I don't blame the body for getting a little bit confused on what the Bernard-Stevens amendment and what the bill is actually trying to do on LB 48. I think I can simplify things very quickly for the body. I hope to be able to, and then hold my peace and let the body vote and decide which way it wants to go and go with the wishes of the body. The issue is very, I think, simple. We have an industry, in this case it is the tobacco industry, and I feel uncomfortable in this position I might add because I don't necessarily support, in fact, I don't support the product of this industry. I do not support that product personally. But we have an industry who is saying to the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, we don't want our product going to minors as well. We want stiffer sanctions against us. We're willing to go stiffer sanctions against us. We're willing to go into a more of an advertising campaign to stop minors from developing an addictive habit. And I have, and I would pass out, but I think the body understands it just as easily without having more things cluttering their paper, I have advertisements that have been put in newspapers throughout this area. I have advertisements from the tobacco industry that was put in school papers in the Voice of the Nebraska Association of School Boards warning minors not to do tobacco, smokeless tobacco because it is harmful and cancer causing and habit forming. In fact, just as an aside, the Nebraska Association of School Boards in their report or in their magazine called the Voice, refused the tobacco industry's ad that warned minors not to use smokeless tobacco because it was harmful to their health and I have a letter that says they refused that ad which I thought was interesting. Okay? The point is we have an industry that is saying we do not want our products to go to minors and we want to increase the sanctions to keep that from happening, but please, they say, give us the right in a capitalistic American free enterprise system, give us the right to market our products to adults, to consenting adults. And, members of the body, that is, in fact, the issue here. One other comment and then I will hold my peace or at least try to and hopefully we can get to a vote on the bill and on the amendment. The comment is about LB 48, if it passes without the Bernard-Stevens amendment, what do we have? Right now in the State of Nebraska, colleagues, we have a law that prohibits